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Topping Off the New San José City Hall

*City of San José and construction crews celebrate the
completion of structural steel on the new City Hall project*

San Jose -- City officials celebrated the ceremonial “topping off” of the structural steel at the new City Hall site today by joining construction crews to sign the last steel girder and watch it be hoisted 18 stories to the top of the building structure.

“The milestone we celebrate today moves us closer to the completion of a proud new landmark for downtown San José,” said Mayor Ron Gonzales. “Your new city hall will allow us to serve our residents and businesses better, and it provide long-term cost savings to San José taxpayers.”

Construction of the new Civic Center is progressing on schedule. The plaza concrete slab is complete, and work on the tower curtainwall has begun. Work on the 3-story Council chamber wing and the rotunda will begin in early spring. Completion is scheduled in spring 2005.

“The project is progressing on time and on budget, and we’re pleased to be able to mark this high point today,” said City Manager Del Borgsdorf. “The new City Hall will change the way citizens interact with their government and the way we deliver services in San José for the next 50 years.”

The Turner/Devcon Joint Venture construction management team was also on hand to commend construction crews on their progress while maintaining a clean safety record on the site. Turner/Devcon hosted a BBQ lunch on site for the crews and guests.

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